

Lincoln Heights Benefit Association of Los Angeles Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, June 16, 2017

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Location: Arroyo Vista Family Health Center, 2411 N Broadway, LA 90031

I. General Meeting - Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Steve Kasten, President, at 11:45am.

a. Introductions: Meeting attended by (15): George Cabrera, Sampson Chan, Sean Cohan, Austin Fernald, Cynthia Gonzalez, Irene Holguin, Misty Iwatsu, Steve Kasten, Yong H Lee, Dave Mandala, Laurie Niesen, Flavio Olivas, Jr., Joel Perez, Sevin Riley and Joe Rodriguez. .

b. Public comment

Sevin said that she made a presentation about the BID to the NC in her role as liaison.

II. Approval of the minutes of May, 2017

MOTION: Approve minutes of May 19, 2017. **Moved: Chan/2nd Mandala.** Discussion: Jose R pointed out that the selection of the streets for campers to stay overnight is made by Industrial Zoning, not by the Council's office. **VOTE on corrected motion: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

III. Discussion and Action Items

a. Presidents Report

Steve said the homeless problem continues to be serious. He has been sued for the second time for ADA compliance.

b. LAPD –SLO Joel Perez

Joel reported a homicide last week near Dino's. Gang violence is increasing due to territorial wars. Social media spread rumors and officers have to spend time correcting them. There will be a Peace March on Saturday, June 24 in LH. The Captain is aware that we want our foot beat back.

c. City Attorney office – Cynthia Gonzalez

The law doesn't give LAPD the authority to tow an rv unless it is a sanitation hazard. They can only ticket them. It is now legal for a 21-year-old to have marijuana. The City will issue licenses to sell marijuana in January. The success rate on getting homeless into services is low.

d. Council Office – Jose Rodriguez

Jose reported that there were 9 proposals for the LHJail which a city panel will review. CD1 pushed for a community advisory panel.

The Pasadena Ave tree replacement project will remove 64 trees – healthy ones will be retained. There will be a flashing beacon at Ave 33, ADA sidewalk, 37 bus stop lights and 8 new bus benches. Jacaranda trees were selected in 2015.

There will be fireworks in Lincoln Park on Sunday, June 25.

The homeless housing that was proposed for LH never was to have been all homeless – that was a misrepresentation. The Inaugural event is June 29 at Plaza de la Raza.

IV. Vendors Reports

a. Maintenance

Statistics for May: 1241 trash bags removed, 28543 lbs of trash removed, 273 graffiti tags painted out, 220 bulky items removed, 16 hours pressure washing.

There have been large graffitis lately. The City provides paint to the business owners.

b. Security

Sean reported 35 patrol calls for service in February, 81 patrol Bid contacts and 187 officer dispersals. Sean reported that their new software reports every single contact. Sean plans to send the record of calls for service to Joel and Jose.

V. Board Meeting

a. Board member Stella Kim to be replaced with Yong H Lee

MOTION: Yong H Lee will replace Stella Kim representing Young Nak on the Board.

Moved: Chan/2nd Kasten. Discussion: Yong said he wishes to engage with Lincoln Heights. **VOTE: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

b. Security contract renewal – discussion and vote

MOTION: Approve rate increase for security from \$19.77 to \$25.44/hour effective July 1, 2017. **Moved: Mandala/2nd Chan.** Discussion: LA City minimum wage goes up to \$25.41/hour in July. **VOTE: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

c. BID Renewal update

MOTION: Approve budget of \$750,000 for 2019 with categories defined and adjusted.

Moved: Mandala/2nd Olivas. Discussion: Misty explained that to maintain the same level of service our budget needs to be \$750,000. The new Management District Plan must be submitted by August 1. Our administrative costs are lower than most. The new plan has Administrative and Contingency combined – 18%. Sidewalk maintenance and beautification is 77%. Petitions go out in January. **VOTE: unanimous. Motion passed.**

b. Financial Report

The Lincoln Heights Benefit Association Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual for January through December 2017 and Profit and Loss Standard Jan-June 13, 2017 were included in the packet.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

a. Next meeting September 15, 2017, 11:30am to 1:00pm.